Yesterday morning at two o'clock, taking advantage of the high water in the Potomac, five Rebel war ves sels, including, we understand, two rams, ran past the obstructions we had placed in the river, with the pur of the rams, which had got aground, and was so bothy vam returned toward Richmond. One is said to have ot below our batteries. She caused a sensation cerany, is not yet known. There will probably be a renoval from command in the James River flotilla as punishment for the negligence in this case.

Washington, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1865.

The Star says: "Dispatches received here giving him a stone when he Beet of five vessels-the Richmond squadron so long being prepared-came down the River to destroy our depots and works at City Point,

ressels was blown up and instantly and entirely de-

the scene of action, and it is understood that he will at sustained by the voice of the people. Cabinet changes

Pence Discussion in Congress-Mr. Last the Guly Way-Rumored Capture of Fort Smith-Gen. Foster's Capture of Pocotaligo Bridge-Large Union Force Gene Down the Mississippi-Gen. Bragg Quite Able to Hold Wil-

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1865. Richmond papers of Jan. 23 were received bere to-day. On the subject of Peace The Sentinel says: the country in the language of unfaltering heroism and Retermined purpose, and that resolution may be taken

Whether Mr. Blair forget something when he left the other day, or is desirous of leaving something before he tertain the idea of or even suffer himself to wish for Hampshire and 2031 Pennsylvania were not so heavy by Generals of the operations before Wilmington. goes for good, has not transpired; but it is evident that peace, but that war, and continual war, shall be the the "end of Blair," as announced by a Northern paper, object and purpose of this people."

Is not yet. This return of the gentleman in the confiOf general news, The Dispatch has the following: mastery of the place. The total loss by official report dence of Lincoln, will of course, reawaken the peace There was a report yesterday that Gen. Price had cap is rising seven hundred. I send a full list herewith. ramors. To many it will bear a significant look; to tured Fort Smith, Arkansas, with its garrison of 2,000 many who cannot appreciate how Mr. Blair's private men. The report is not confirmed by official intellipapers, lost six months ago, should suddenly be worth gence. Mr. James A. Seddon has resigned the portfoso much trouble as Mr. Blair is now taking, ostensibly lie of war. We have not been able to learn that his to reclaim them. If the mission of the indefatigable successor has been appointed, though several promigentleman is in reality peace, it is the general desire nent gentlemen are speken of as likely to be appointed. that he will succeed in his efforts. The Lincoln usur-pation has for a long time been fully in possession of our ridge, and Senator Hill of Georgia. [The Whig mentions terms, and nothing could be more desirable than their ex-Gov. Letcher, also, as among those whose names acceptance. Blair is a guest of Capt. Hatch, at the have been mentioned in this connection. - Corr. Trib.]

became impressed with the probability of the near appaction, immediately sent in his resignation, the ways and means whereby the hoped-for result might | Confederacy. Whether this implies the power to select | Troops, in command of Brevet Brig.-Gen. Blackman. be obtained. In the minds of this latter class timidity the generals who shall command the armies is a matter two continuous the generals who shall command the armies is a matter from north to south, and two hundred from east to west armies, wrapped in his solemn seclusiveners, lieve that in the councils of the Washington Directory ing. such measures had prevailed as would give birth to propositions that a Southern man could consider the Confederate Capital uninvited and ununnounced, departed from it, the little turnoil that his presence had imparted to our daily existence was quieted with the knowledge that he was gone. Later, when his mis blandsome visage again adorned the streets of Washing.

After an obstinate resistance, fell back on this side of the

To we become again adorned the streets of Washing. ton, we became aware from the outgivings of the expo-satisfacture. Our lines embrace the Satisfacture armament. There are entrances from the gunbeds to remis of Yankee opinion of the measure of peace, that Bridge. Everything was brought off safely. Gen. covered-ways which pass at right angles with each

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pably complain that a search after missing papers, grating to Matamoros. family letters and testamentary documents led the trant's headquarters, that Rebel rams and war is noticeable that the clamor wherewith his advent was public mind as to the apparent want of preparation in English gunners were employed in this battery. The recamers (we understand six in number) came down announced, the diversity of opinion and the half-born corresponds from Richmond, and drove our announced, the diversity of opinion and the half-born corresponds from Richmond, and drove our announced, the diversity of opinion and the half-born corresponds for the Spring campaign, that that body is chief one contrived a plan for blowing up the fort, ned vessels down the river, and swept them and the hopes, have settled down into a quiet resolve that is emergency was deemed to be so great that Admiral adjusted henceforth by the arbitrament of battle, so graphed to the War Department yesterday that he is beaten enemy who, staking all in the lust of avariec and the delirium of hatred, lost all in the catastrophe of

tromendone fullure." A new bracing of the Rebellion and a new stripping quiver: "The withdrawal of the injunction of secresy from the proceedings of the Congress reveal the fact in-Chief, and intrusting to that officer the command of all the armies in the field, has passed the Congress. To Gen. | the South. Lee the whole country looks for the efficient direction of all the armics, upon his wisdom and firmness the counthe army, and the Congress must remember that Gen. companied with the conscription asked for, will be state that yesterday morning at two o'clock a Rebel leaving the responsibility of conscripting the negroes to pass the obstructions which our commender had not see now that Congress can hesitate longer upon placed above City Point, for the better protection of the that measure. This law intimates that new measures are about to be tried, and that this year is to witness "A battle quickly ensued between the Rebel feet and greater and more determined effort on our part to end cor nearest battery or fort, in which one of the Rebel | the war triumphantly for our cause than has hitherto troyed, while two others were so hadly damaged by resolution, adopted almost unanimously, has signified shot and shell as to compel them to seek safety by to the President the wish of the country for the restoration of Gen. Johnston to the command of the Army pempanied by the other two, which escaped damage to of the Tennessec. The responsibility of restoring Gen. Johnston rests with the Congress, who in this extraor-"Admiral Farragut left here yesterday evening for dinary course has assumed that responsibility, and are are reported to be about to be made, embracing less the whole THE LATEST REBEL NEWS. Seddon has already resigned the Secretary and of War, and it is said that an expression of want of Seddon has already resigned the Secretaryship confidence in all the cabinet, except Mr. Trenholm, has Blair Again in Richmond-No Pence The Commissary Department is also reported about to Possible-The Confederacy Must Con- undergo important changes, the present Commissary script the Negroes-Fighting to the General to be relieved, and Maj. Claiborne, the zealons and efficient Commissary of Richmond, to be promoted

residence of the latter, corner of Fourth and Leigh | There is a report that the place has been offered to Gen. The Whig says: "A short time ago, when the senior lowed to select his Commissary-General. It is under

taken -- Corr. Trib.]

strength and energy of the duty of the hour, we cannot which were \$6,000. Many old business men were emi-

The Examiner, after mentioning the act of Congress providing for a General-in-Chief, remarks: "We may ty-seventh U. S. C. T., the officer of the day, politely con to a vigorous campaign, which we may expect soon to a resolve that, come what may, this cause is to be be developed. It is rumored that Gen. Bragg tele- the wounded men, and the fort was saved. such a peace as is wrung from the unrelenting but gram has rendered many people quite uneasy, and it at Wilmington, which have no other foundation."

In connection with the mention of Brace for a more determined war is thus shown in The En- graph relating to the report of his probable appoint- ered by the blood of the gunners who stood by it during ment to that office is headed "A Shocking Rumor."

Considerable space in the several papers is devoted to accounts of damages to railroads and other preperty ecasioned by the late heavy rains in various parts of

The leading editorials of The Whig, Examiner, and Enquirer, are devoted to the recent action of the Rebel bere in hospital for treatment. Gen. Whiting has been try reposes all her hopes. But Gen. Lee as General in Congress with a view to important changes in the comg unless he is sustained by the mand of their armies. All three concur in the hope that brave men" by the accidental explosion of the magazine holding back, but every citizen must deny himself and in-Chief, and urge his appointment as the only way to front of the sea face of the Fort, around the palisades, Joseph E. Johnson to the command of the army of Tenother armies by the exercise of a general supervision of fell swoop a whole regiment of men, however, is reged that the act of Congress does not expressly his subordinates in command of the different armies, The Enquirer takes occasion to renew its appeals for the of our own men. mmediate conscription of the negro.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 13 .- Private advices from Newions were making for an expedition of 15,000 men to

A Fair for the benefit of Confederate prisoners was sand dollars. Many old business men were emigrating to Matamoros. The Vankee lines have been stringently closed until after the 4th of March. The reported reason is fears of trouble in the North-West.

FROM FORT FISHER.

The Late Explosion-Exhuming the Dead The Disaster Not so Fatal as Reportof the Killed-Plensan

Wenther-The Cuptured Works-Bendthe Navy-Fort Cuswell Blown Up- changed hands. It is unkind in Admiral Porter to take Steamers Destroyed-A Skirmish with the Enemy-Official Reports.

The sad work of exhuming the dead who were killed by the magazine explosion of Monday morning is the many scines found lying around loose hereabout renders the labor very great and necessarily slow. business. They succeeded the first time. They cast Eleven were dug out to-day. Most of them were recog- the net on the right side of the ship, and drew it to ment of the brain of some over-zealous Rebel soldier. sylvania. They were asleep at the instant of the slumber when death overtook them. Many were her men in their new and profitable ribly disfigured and scarcely recognizable. Fragments DESTRUCTION OF THE MONITOR PATAISCO, WITH of human limbs, entrails, scalps, etc., which must have belonged to a dozen or more bodies, were gathered in

The losses sustained by this catastrophe will not be so large as was at first reported. Many who were miss- deck, the engineers, and about twenty of the crew sucounted for. For instance, the total loss of the 169th

fedan of the main line-and Fort Buchanan, the Blair sped away across the troubled waters of strife stood that Mr. Seddon was induced to resign by action erowning work of the whole. The latter is pronounced from the ark at Washington, bearing an imaginary taken by the Virginia Congressional delegation. These crowning work of the whole. The latter is pronounced olive branch between his venerable lips, and landed gentlemen, it appears, sent in to the President an official pletest specimen of engineering skill to which the anysteriously in a secluded spot in Richmond, the times announcement that they had lest confidence in all the present war has given birth. The name is given in were agog with surmises of peace and armistice and members of the Cabinet except Mr. Trenholm, and honor of Commodere Buchanan, who, it will be rememcessation of heatilities. Conversational old gentlemen asked for a change. Mr. Seddon being informed of this bered, fought and blew up the Merrimac, and was finally captured by the herole Farragut with a loss of El Derado of peace, and nervous patriots. The bill providing for the appointment of a General one leg at Mobile. It was a naval port, in charge of few in number and forgetful for the time of the blazing in Chief of the Confederate armies provides that the five naval officers, and garrisoned by 122 men. It is goof trees and wasted blood of the land, cast about for General-in-Chief shall have charge of the armies of the now garrisoned by the 17th United States Colored

wended his way through the lines of two great the general assigned to duty at Richmond. Gen. Bragg at the base, with a shelf fifty feet in length on the ends now holds the position referred to. The hill has not, half the hight of the center. It is rounded at the cor became the appointed John who heralded the advent of the white-winged angel of peace. Five hundred returned Confederate prisoners, who beach grass. Near the east front, sank in the top of the But this class was feeble in numbers, and the commu- arrived at Varuna on Friday, reached the city last work is a trench with steps to descend at each end, and nity at large, while hoping for the best, refused to be- night on our flag-of-truce best from Boulware's Land. a banquette on each side for infantry. The pit is thirty ing.

paces in length, and five feet deep. On the north-west
angle of the shelf, sunk and mounted on a circular track, terday meraing on the Fredericksburg train, on route on a pivot, is an 11-inch Brooks rided gun of handsome without dishonor to himself and disgrace to his lates, for Prince Goorge County, Va. [There is evidently finish. It is so mounted as to sweep in any desired posterity; and so, when the old man who had come to a mistake here, either as to the destination or the route direction. It was this gan which did such execution aken — Corr. Trib.]

The following telegraphic news appears in The Whig:

upon our men after they had mounted the north-west angle of Fort Fisher. In a straight line from Fisher it CHARLESTON, Jun. 15.—The enemy in heavy force, supposed to be afteen thousand strong, under Gen. precisely the same pattern similarly mounted, and two to The bark Clinton, Garif, master, arrived in this process of yanke opinion of the measure of peace, that the Directory would accord to this process command of our forces.

Bridge. Everything was brought off safely. Gen. Herdes in recommand of our forces.

Bridge and the Directory would accord to this people such a measure of peace, that the Directory would accord to this people such a measure of peace that would have held in the surface of the surface. Every square foot of space of the surface. Every square foot of space of the surface is in command of our forces.

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carried on streehers after they were wounded, and our mahogany mounted, will be sent to West Point. It men had driven them out. Lieut. Wilson of the Twenheadquarters here with his importunate presence, for it say here, with reference to a certain uneasiness in the ducted your correspondent through the entire work. now occupied in secret session with measures looking magazine to be fired by opening the door of the bomb that Gen. Ames specially mentions by name a large ested against the sacrifice of

> Mound Fort forms the extreme south-west end of the sea face of the fort, and, as its name indicates, is a vest 203d Pa. Vols., (Col., (now Brevet, Brig. Gen Pennymound, higher than any other part of the extensive out the insecurity of works. It is ascended by a long flight of steps up the west slope, through a sally port cut in a sloping gorge into the crest of the mound. There are two 10 inch columbiads mounted here, one of which is literally cov-

Some nineteen hundred prisoners were to-day put on board of steamers to be sent North, to Point Lookout Including about 250 wounded, sick and dead, we cappared 2,300 prisoners; their Rebel commanders, Gen. Whiting and Col. Lamb, being badly wounded, remain heard to express his great regret at the "sacrifice of

and at the same time control the movement of the it. The explosion of a magazine which buries at one It may have been merely a telegraphic connection bedered the place. The Rebel officers very properly disa fort. A full investigation will be made. I send you pots and works at caty Point.

The high water caused by the freshet enabled them the responsibilities that may result from it. We can guarantee to the General-in-Chief the power to appoint vow any knowledge of the cause of the accident, and herewith a specimen of the wire. It is of English

The larger part of the naval gunboats and double-Orleans to the 4th inst. have been received. Prepara enders have passed the bar of New Inlet, and two of them have passed up to a point opposite Battery Lamb. held in the city, the proceeds of which was eight thou- river this afternoon (18th). She fired at Battery Lamb, and afterward her boats' crews landed and set fire to the quarters in the rear of the fort, which made a large conflagration. Why was this great waste?

BLOWING PP FORT CASWELL, AND DESTRUCTION OF STEAMERS.

The enemy have blown up Fort Caswell, Fort Johnen, and Bald Head Battery, and burned half a dozen steamers, large and small, near those points. They have made clean work and run away.

SAPTURE OF A BLOCKADE-RUNNER. A fine blockade-runner came in on Monday night, and was captured before they knew that the place had neutral friends in after this fashion. He should notify them that there is no admittance here except on

The troops are laxuristing on fish. The happy idea that there might be a piscatory hanl made by some of The immense amount of sand dis- was suggested, and with a recklessness characteristic nd the wide extent of ground covered over, of the universal Yankee nation they went into the shore full of fish-youthful mullets, a sweet and succulent morsel for men who have so long subsisted on raw ion, and knew no waking. The position of their pork and hard tack. Gens. Terry and Ames looked on adjected that they were reclining in the observer approximate and are made to the contract of the contract o

> SIXTY OFFICERS AND MEN. By the arrival of the gunboat Britannia, Lieut, perished. The captain, executive officer, officer of the rest-sixty in number-were drowned. Admiral Por. ter will probably farnish the names of the lost, and full

"Except when a vessel is on the bar, and trying to run by, no gun must be fired oftener than once in five minutes; when attempting to pass the guns must be fired at ricechet, and as rapidly as possible.

"The Armstrong will not be fired except by special orders. Shell and shot may be fired at discretion; but no balls except at iron-clads.

"WM. LAMB, Col. Commanding."

These supplies, it is thought, would have enabled them o stand a stege of two months.

WAR.
"STEAMER S. R. SPAULDING.
"ONE FORE FISHER, Jan. 16, 1865.
"To Majo Gen. TEERY and Rear Admiral PORTER Com-

It is understood that the spleadid Armstrong gun,

will form a very graceful addition to the trophies already there from different battle-fields of the United States. The report of Gen. Terry upon the late operation

waits for the subordinate reports. It is understood number of officers and men of his command as conspleuous for their gallantry and good conduct during the assault, and day's operations. Col. Moore of the

The report, of course, will be published only after passing through the regular departments.

Major Myers of the 117th tells me that his was the first flag that waved over the parapets of Fort Fisher. Important changes are to be immediately made in ontinue to explode in Battery Lamb. The naval vessels are very cautious and slow about moving up Cape

the last of the prisoners-have just been put on board of the steamer California, probably for New-York and Fort Lafayette. They may go to Point Lookout.

DISCOVERY OF A SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH WIRE CON NECTING BATTERY LAMB AND FORT FISHER.

day came across an insulated wire cable con Battery Lamb directly with Fort Fisher. It was under posed to account for the recent murderous explosion. tween the head-quarters on each side of the river, but was capable, of course, of being used to blow up the

COL. LAMB ON HIS NEGRO LABORIES.

"HDOES, CONFEDERATE POINT, FORT FISHER, N. C., Jan. 8, 1865. S

posure is only too true. Their consists of their much anxiety and I did all that I could to improve their condition. That my requisitions for their wants were not supplied was doubtless due to the inability of the different Departments to fill them."

[The following had been marked out:]

'I do not think the negroes get enough to eat, considering the hard labor they are required to perform, and I believe it would be economy in the Government to give them more breadstuffs and more meat; we would then

Very respectfully your obedient servant, WM. LAMB, Col. Commanding. The story about Col. Lamb mounting the parapet and flourishing the two swords over his head, as given in a previous letter, I am inclined now to regard as a fig-

A DESPONDING LETTER FROM A REBEL MOTHER TO HER SON AT FORT BUCHANAN.

Among the many letters found in the forts the following is specially worthy of perusal. It was captured by an's officers in the late head-quarters of the

regiment. The losses of the Hillsh New-York, 4th New-Hampshire and 2034 Pennsylvania were not so heavy by the ment dispirited by our disasters in Georgia and Tennstein and 2034 Pennsylvania were not so heavy by the accident, but they each lost largely, particularly in officers, during the terrific fighting for the mastery of the place. The total loss by official reports of the commissance was made by the troops of Gen. It received to this we have no means of replenishing our ramines. I begin to think we are in the last struggle. I wish most sincerely you had not come in the right master of the place. The total loss by official reports of the commissance was made by the troops of Gen. The men are resting from their late excessive labors and recruiting their wasted energies. The two sead are remarked that the energy of the other.

The men are resting from their late excessive labors and recruiting their wasted energies. The two say daring the two expeditions so rapidly following each other.

The weather continues very pleasant, and to day is almost Summer like. Officers and men from the Navy and Army are everywhere seen inspecting the vast work which has just fallen a tropby to their joint valor. No description can convey an adequate liden of the stupendous strength and almost Titanic proportions of the commission of the main line—and Fort Euchanan, the stupendous strength and almost Titanic proportions of the commission of the main line—and Fort Euchanan, the stupendous strength and almost Titanic proportions of the commission of the main line—and Fort Euchanan, the stupendous strength and almost Titanic proportions of the commission of the main line—and Fort Euchanan, the stupendous strength and almost Titanic proportions of the commission of the

During the evening several heavy explosions on the opposite shore attracted attention. They proved to be shells which had been reached by the fire of the building in the rear of Battery Lamb.

"Dear Fahren: I am safe thus far but have suffered ings in the rear of Battery Lamb.

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"Bour Fishers, More terrific bombardaments that the world has ever known. No material damage is done the fort. The Confederate flag still floats trimphantly over old with shot and shell and stay at a ready until signal is given by firing pulpit gun. All seed-face guns will also be brought to bear on the nearest ship in. When a vessel is putting herself on the bar, ever gun will also be brought to bear on the nearest ship in. When a vessel is putting herself on the bar, ever gun must be riccocheted at her.

"Except when a vessel is on the bar, and frying to run by, no gun must be fired at floored than once in five minutes; when attempting to pass the guns must be fired at riccochet, and as rapidly as possible.

"The Armstrong will not be fired except by special orders. Shell and shot may be fired at discretion; but no balls except at iron-chafs.

"Wh. Lane, Col. Commanding."

"Event Fisher. There is nothing left but her works; all the barracks are demolished. We are attacked by four monitors, eleven ton-sides, and fity-six other vessels mendy to Ventus and the record of a Shipwre and ware looking for an assault every moment from that direction. May God bless our arms with victory.

"Except when a vessel is not the bar, and frying to ring into each other. Gen. Whiting and staff are ring into each other. Gen. Whiting and staff are ring into each other. Gen. Whiting and as taff are ring into each other. Gen. Whiting and as taff are ring into each other. Gen. Whiting and staff are ring into each other. Gen. Whiting and staff are ring into each other. Gen. Whiting and staff are ring into each other. Gen. Whiting and staff are ring into each other. Gen. Whitin

orders. Shell and shot may be fired at discretion; but no balls except at iron-clads.

"WM. LAND, Col. Commanding."

COMMISSARY STORES IN FORT FISHER.

As showing that the Rebels in Fort Fisher were prepared to resist a siege of some duration, Capt. Terry, Assistant Adjt. Gen. of Gen. Terry's staff, permits me to copy the following letter:

"OFFICE OF CHUEF COMMISSARY, WILLING General, I send 25,000 rations hard bread and 25,000 rations meat. Ahead of these and have been expesed to the hettest of the shelling, Several times I have excepted most in free outlengt, it is the Lord's will. I loop to endure all and companies the same time with the Owl, and have been expesed to the hettest of the shelling. Several times I have excepted most in fracculously; and have been expesed to the hettest of the shelling. Several times I have excepted most in fracculously; and have been expesed to the hettest of the shelling. Several times I have excepted most in fracculously; and have been expesed to the hettest of the shelling. Several times I have excepted most infracculously; and the Tehnistand of St. Thomas has been declared an involved of the shelling. Several times I have excepted most infracculously; and the Tehnistand of St. Thomas has been declared an involved of the shell have excepted the shelling. Several times I have excepted most infracculously; and the Tehnistand of St. Thomas has been declared an involved of the shell have excepted the shell have excepted the shelling. Several times I have excepted most infracculously; and the special providence. I voluntered and 25,000 rations meat. Ahead of these and have been expesed to the hettest of the shelling. Several times I have occurred to the first of the shelling. Several times I have excepted most infracculously; and the Tehnistand of St. Thomas has been declared an involved the shelling. Several times and the shelling that the shelling the shelling that the shelling the shelling that the shelling that the shelling that the shelling that the capture of Fort Flaher,

Casualties.
OF STAFF OF SECOND DIVISION, TWENTY-FOURTH Capt. H. C. Leckwood, U. S. Vols., A. D. C., wounded in

Sudden Surpension of Blockade-Running -News of the Capture of Fort Pisher and the Blawing Up of Fort Caswell -Vessels Rendy to Venture, Putting Ruck-Bescue of a Shipwrecked Crew -Pestilence at St. Thomas. Halifax, N. S., Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1865.

The royal mail steamship Alpha, from St.

The blockade-runner Owl succeeded in reaching Fort Caswell the night it was evacuated, and immediately returned to Bermuda, arriving on the 21st with the news of the capture of Fort Fisher, and stopping the

Reported Destruction of Merchantmen by the Shenandoalt.

FORTHESS MONROY, Monday, Jan. 23, 1865.
The bark Clinton, Cavit, master, arrived in this barbor yesterday, from Permandaco, via., the Barba-